

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

McJunkin et al.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

For: WELDING APPARATUS AND  
METHODS FOR USING ULTRASONIC  
SENSING

Confirmation No.: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Attorney Docket No.: B-058

## NOTICE OF EXPRESS MAILING

Express Mail Mailing Label Number: EP2007503013USDate of Deposit with USPS: 4/12/04Person making Deposit: Mandy J. Jordon

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g) and (h), filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, no representation is made by Applicants herein that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b) exists.

Applicants offer to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents that the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application, and no certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) or a fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan D. Kirsch  
Registration No. 33,720  
Attorney for Applicants  
P.O. Box 1625  
Idaho Falls, ID 83415-3899  
Phone: (208) 526-9140  
Fax: (208) 526-8339

Date: 4/12/04

Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**Complete if Known**

*(use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet 1 of 1

Application Number

Filing Date

**First Named Inventor**

McJunkin, et al.

### Group Art Unit

Examiner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Docket Number

**B-058**

[illegible][illegible]

**Examiner  
Signature**

Date Considered

**EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04.

<sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 2023